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What Are Complete Streets?

“Complete streets” are streets that are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities.

Identified Issues

Complete streets vary by neighborhood context and can include sidewalks, bike lanes (or wide paved shoulders), special bus lanes, comfortable and accessible public transportation stops, frequent and safe crossing opportunities, median islands, accessible pedestrian signals, curb extensions, narrower travel lanes, roundabouts, and more.

In 2013, 32,719 traffic deaths occurred throughout the United States. Out of that number, 4,735 were pedestrians. More than 40% of pedestrian fatalities occur when no cross walk is available. Additionally, 34.5% of youth age 2-19 across the nation are considered obese.

Why Complete Streets?

According to the CDC, Complete streets development strategies can decrease obesity and provide a means for better health outcomes. These development strategies afford residents with places where increased physical activity can occur in safer areas.

How We Can Help

The PICH Program is working with its Active Living Program partners to increase the number of walkable and livable communities in Fulton County by educating community groups, officials and developers about the benefits of Complete Streets as they design and re-design residential and commercial areas and thoroughfares.

For more information on Complete Streets visit the Fulton County PICH website at www.fultoncountygga.gov/images/stories/Health%20and%20Wellness/PICHCOMPLETESTREETSFACETSHEET.pdf.



PROUD TO BE
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FREE**
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Healthy Environments for Future Generations:

Creating tobacco/smoke-free parks and recreation centers in Fulton County

Imagine a park with green trees, fresh grass, clean fields and beautiful playgrounds for children, and these children are free to breathe clean air while they play.

Residents no longer need to wonder about clean air in Fulton County parks and recreation centers. The Fulton County Board of Commissioners sponsored and voted to enact the smoking ban in Fulton County Parks and Recreation facilities this past September. It is now against the law to smoke or use any tobacco product that produces smoke in the County's park and recreation facilities. This would include tobacco and smoking products like cigarettes, cigars, pipes, e-cigarettes and hookahs. The law prohibits this use while on the premises of any county park to include areas like walking trails and greenways. Beginning in the month of October, the PICH Program is implementing its broad tobacco/smoke-free education campaign to train park and recreation staff and community residents about the new law; how to live a tobacco-free life and will point them in the direction of tobacco cessation services and resources.

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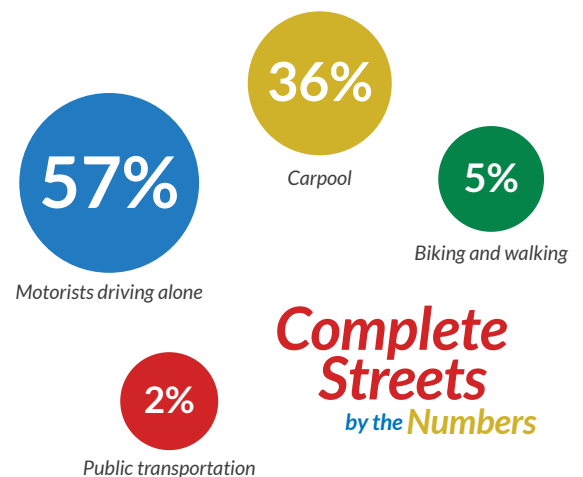
Complete Streets in Fulton County by the Numbers

Creating walkable and livable communities that are safe, accessible, and healthy is a primary goal of the Fulton County PICH program along with its partners at the Atlanta Regional Commission and the City of Atlanta. Why are Complete Streets important for the County? Here's a by the number look at Fulton County.

In Fulton County, residents are 65% more likely to walk in neighborhoods with sidewalks, however, only 43% of residents have safe places to walk near their home and meet recommended activity levels. Walkable communities account for 60% of all new commercial and residential real estate development in the Atlanta region. A prime example would be the Ponce de Leon Corridor in Midtown Atlanta. Since the creation of the Ponce de Leon Corridor, motor vehicle accidents have decreased 25% in a year. Traffic flow has also increased to 5000 more vehicles per day with less traffic time. Additional Complete Streets projects include Monroe Drive/Boulevard and East Paces Ferry Road.

The addition of Complete Streets can help create walkable, livable communities that improve safety, equity, and public health around the community. Additionally, complete streets will aid in the reducing incidences of chronic disease. Fulton County is embracing this model which is beneficial in ensuring "All People are Healthy" in Fulton County.

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by the Numbers



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